UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MAINE

LISA M. BARDSLEY, et al.,)
Plaintiffs)
v.) No. 1:25-cv-00343-LEW
NARRAGUAGUS JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL, et al.,)))
Defendants))

ORDER AFFIRMING RECOMMENDED DECISION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE

On October 7, 2025, United States Magistrate Judge Karen Frink Wolf filed with the Court, with copies to the parties presently appearing, her Recommended Decision (ECF No. 18) on Defendant Narraguagus Jr./Sr. High School's Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim (ECF No. 16). The matter is now before the Court on the Recommended Decision; Plaintiffs' Motions to Address the Court (ECF Nos. 17, 20), Objection (ECF No. 21), and Reply (ECF No. 23); and the School's Response to the Objection (ECF No. 22).

I have reviewed the foregoing materials, together with the pleadings and record, and based on that review I have made a *de novo* determination of all matters adjudicated by the Recommended Decision. I concur with the recommendations of the United States Magistrate Judge for the reasons set forth in the Recommended Decision, and determine that no further proceeding is necessary. In particular, it is manifest from the pleadings and the record that if Plaintiffs believe that litigation is necessary for Landon Robert Bardsley Floran to receive a free appropriate public education ("FAPE"), then they should file a complaint with the Maine Department of Education and request an administrative due process hearing. Furthermore, even if

the proper Plaintiff in this case (i.e., Landon) pursued the Americans with Disabilities Act claim

on his own behalf, since he cannot do so acting through his mother as Plaintiff, the allegations at

most allege the denial of FAPE, but not the denial of FAPE based on facts that plausibly depict

disability-based animus. See D.B. ex rel. Elizabeth B. v. Esposito, 675 F.3d 26, 40 (1st Cir. 2012).

The Recommended Decision of the Magistrate Judge is AFFIRMED and ADOPTED

(ECF No. 18); Plaintiffs' Motions to Address the Court are **MOOTED** (ECF Nos. 17 and 20)

(though the Court has reviewed them); and Plaintiffs' Objections are **OVERRULED**, as they fail

to overcome the grounds for dismissal. Defendant Narraguagus Jr./Sr. High School's Motion to

Dismiss is **GRANTED** (ECF No. 16) and the School is **HEREBY DISMISSED**. Additionally,

the remaining Defendants (President Donald Trump and the State of Maine) are likewise

DISMISSED, sua sponte, because the Complaint fails to state a claim for which relief may be

granted.

SO ORDERED.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Lance E. Walker
Chief H.S. District Iv

Chief U.S. District Judge

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